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**Cc:** "Davis, Quincy CDR"  
**Subject:** RE: RRT-6 Incident Specific Activation Telcon, Fri, 18 Jan 2013 from 1030-1130 CST -- ORB Exploration In-Situ Burn Request  
**Date:** Friday, January 18, 2013 11:23:29 AM  
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Greetings,

I have attached some current pictures of the site for your review.

v/r,  
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-----Original Message-----

From: Sams, Michael  
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 6:23 PM  
To: [mason.steve@epa.gov](mailto:mason.steve@epa.gov)  
Cc: Cubanski, Edward CAPT; Pierre, Keith LCDR; Peterson, Todd; Saxon, Victoria LT; Beckley, Matthew LT; Davis, Quincy CDR; Hannah, Lushan LCDR; [charlie.henry@noaa.gov](mailto:charlie.henry@noaa.gov); [jessica.white@noaa.gov](mailto:jessica.white@noaa.gov); [stephen\\_spencer@ios.doi.gov](mailto:stephen_spencer@ios.doi.gov); [broyles.ragan@epa.gov](mailto:broyles.ragan@epa.gov); [mcquiddy.david@epa.gov](mailto:mcquiddy.david@epa.gov); [Karolien.Debusschere@LA.GOV](mailto:Karolien.Debusschere@LA.GOV); [kyle.jellison@noaa.gov](mailto:kyle.jellison@noaa.gov); [jim.jeansonne@noaa.gov](mailto:jim.jeansonne@noaa.gov)  
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Steve,

Per brief discussion, pls send out below (pls use above subject line) to all RRT-6 members. Following are key members required on call (needed for concurrence vote):

- Charlie Henry, NOAA
- Jessica White, NOAA
- Steve Spencer, DOI
- Brian Winn, LOSCO (note that I do not have his email address; have addressed this email to Karolien Debusschere)
- CAPT Cubanski
- Ragan Broyles
- LTJG Kyle Jellison, NOAA SSC
- Wes McQuiddy
- Mike Sams
- Steve Mason
- Todd Peterson

Others?:

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RRT-6 Members,

At the request of Captain Ed Cubanski, CG co-chair of RRT-6, we will convene an incident specific RRT telcon tomorrow (Fri, 18 Jan 2013 @ 1030 CST) to discuss the possible use of in-situ burn to mitigate oil spill in Bayou Sorrel, within the coastal zone. The RP, ORB Exploration, is proposing use of in-situ burning. Bayou Sorrel, in Iberville Parish, is located ~ 30 miles SSW of Baton Rouge, LA. Below is latest summary brief; attached are various documents (including ICS-201) & photo depicting the spill site. We will forward in-situ burn checklist in advance of telcon -- as soon as we receive.

Telcon details:

- Fri, 18 Jan 2013 from 1030-1130 CST
- Call-in number: 877-612-0592
- Pass code: 5333311#
- Facilitator: Todd Peterson, CG RRT-6 Coordinator

Agenda:

- Roll Call of Key Voting Members
- Purpose: Discuss merits of using in-situ burning to mitigate this oil discharge; trustees will vote concur or not concur
- Situation Brief: LT Victoria Saxon, MSU Baton Rouge
- Discussion: Key Voting Members primary; others are welcome to ask questions & share thoughts
- Safety Issues/Concerns: Identify any
- Endangered Species Act: Identify any threatened or endangered species in the area
- Public Affairs: Discuss concerns & posture
- Other questions/concerns/comments: All
- Vote: Trustee agencies (NOAA, DOI, LOSCO) and EPA/CG co-chairs
- Communication/Feedback Cycle: Discuss & agree to communication schedule (briefs; reconvene RRT; etc.)
- Summarize Telcon & Publish: Todd Peterson
- Closing Comments: CAPT Cubanski
- Adjourn

V/r,

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-----Original Message-----

From: Saxon, Victoria LT  
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 4:21 PM  
To: Hannah, Lushan LCDR; Sams, Michael; Davis, Quincy CDR  
Cc: sccnola@uscg.mil; Williams, Niya LT; Beckley, Matthew LT; Watters, Keith MSTC  
Subject: ORB Exploration In-Situ Burn Request

Greetings,

I would like to send you an update to the Bayou Sorrel spill that occurred on 03JAN13, but was reported to the NRC on 9Jan13, the RP is ORB Exploration. The facility originally reported 10 barrels, we know this was greatly underestimated and the facility cannot provide a sound estimate to us. The latest report for the recovered oil is: 1750 gallons have been skimmed and 25 yards of oiled vegetation and sorbent material. After visiting the scene today with LAWF and LOSCO, it is apparent that there is at least double the amount oil remaining in the marsh. The pipeline is 4" and 2 1/2 miles long and estimated to be able to contain 135 Barrels. However, the facility was transferring at the time of discharge, which means the line was under pressure and it is unknown how much product had actually discharged.

The OSRO, American Pollution Control, is requesting to do an in-situ burn. The landowner, LADRN,

LOSCO, LAWF, and DEQ do not object to conducting an in-situ burn with the current conditions. We have also consulted Kyle Jellison, our SSC, who does not have any objections to the burn. AMPOL is drafting an IAP and gathering the required information to submit to the RRT to try and conduct the in-situ burn on Saturday. The RP has arranged for an overflight of the area to be conducted tomorrow with Coast Guard and LOSCO personnel. We expect to have the required paperwork for the RRT late today or early tomorrow.

Please let me know if you have any other questions.

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